

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE

CITY COUNCIL

MAY 28, 2019

The City Council of the City of Trussville met for a workshop session on Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at Trussville City Hall. Council President Freeman presiding.

Those members present were as follows:

Council President Jef Freeman  
Councilman Perry Cook  
Councilman Brian Plant  
Councilman Zack Steele  
Councilman Alan Taylor

Absent: None

Others present in Official Capacity: Mayor Buddy Choat

The workshop was convened and Council President Freeman recognized Mr. Nelay Shah for his comments on the Birmingham Eastern Area Landfill Expansion. Mr. Shah stated he has met with Commissioner Joe Knight and with Mayor Woodfin of Birmingham, and has spoken to an ADEM environmental scientist. He stated he has seen what Trussville has done with letters to these agencies. He stated this is near a neighborhood, a school and an aquifer.

Council President Freeman stated Trussville has been vocal, but our comments have fallen on deaf ears.

Mr. William David Rivers, II 5155 Promenade Drive, asked that this landfill expansion be stopped.

Council President Freeman stated we do not own this landfill and all of our attempts through the Cahaba River Society, and State representatives, have not been successful. We have been in a losing position from the start.

Mr. Carl Grandholm, 5479 Camellia Lane, asked do we know what testing will be in place, so they know what to ask for?

Council President Freeman stated ADEM assures us they will monitor, but he has little confidence in the process.

Mr. Dan Baise stated their neighborhood has a law suit against the City of Birmingham.

Mr. Shah asked could we work with the City of Birmingham and have some type of dialogue?

The attendees were told their comments should be directed to the City of Birmingham, since they own the landfill and hold the permit.

Councilman Taylor stated he heard what they are saying, but our hands are tied beyond expressing our concerns. He suggested they contact the City of Birmingham.

Mr. Jody Saiia was recognized and stated he owns the property between Windsong and Bethune Parkway. A plan for this property was presented in 2005 or 2006. A developer has re-looked at the site. The property is zoned R-2.

Mr. Rhett Loveman, Emerald Homes, stated they wish to develop this similarly to what has been done in Cottswald, Rosemont and Lake Cyrus. There will be an amenity near the lake. The

connection has been designed where the street will meander through the development, but will still provide an alternate access for Windsong when they are blocked by the train. It will be approximately eighteen months before you will see any construction. There will be no front-load garages. He stated they met with the Mayor and he suggested they come here and show the Council.

Mr. Saiia stated this will help the Council when they get calls.

Councilman Cook asked if this is D. R. Horton, and was told they are owned by D. R. Horton, but this is top of the line.

Mayor Choat asked what materials will be used on the rear and sides and the square footage?

Mr. Loveman stated the average square footage is 2,400 square feet.

Council President Freeman asked would these homes have basements, and was told some of them.

Councilman Plant asked would these homes be on septic tanks, and was told no, it will be on Jefferson County sewer. They have a letter granting approval for 219 connections. The original plan had two northern exists and that still exists.

Councilman Cook asked has this property been timbered and was told yes, last summer.

Mr. Saiia stated buffers were left around the streams. He stated he liked the idea of residential bordered by wooded common areas.

Councilman Cook asked would access be from Bethune or Windsong and was told both.

Mr. Saiia stated he has done a proposal for 85 lots for the owner to the north, Sun Valley, but he has not accepted it. He would like more lots, but the zoning is R-2 now.

Councilman Cook stated the thought of D. R. Horton building 219 more houses does not make him happy. The homes they build and the exterior materials they use are not what he likes.

Council President Freeman stated a plan was presented in Winslow Park with a showcase house, but one lot down, there is only brick on the front.

Mr. Loveman stated the Hardy product used there is no different from what is used in other developments.

Councilman Plant asked was there an Emerald product in Trussville, and was told no.

Councilman Cook asked if he went to these other places, would he see what will be built in Trussville?

Mr. Loveman stated the product is always changing as styles change.

The builder stated there was an agreement that any houses that abutted existing homes would be full brick.

Mr. Loveman agreed that was what was discussed at the meeting at the Civic Center.

The Council received the agenda and supporting documentation for the City Council meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2019. The Council reviewed the agenda and determined the order for consideration at the Council meeting.

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned.

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in regular session on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Trussville City Hall. Council President Freeman presided over the meeting and Lynn Porter, City Clerk, served as recording secretary.

Council President Freeman called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Bill Roberts to lead in prayer. Councilman Plant led the pledge to the flag.

Those persons answering present to roll call were as follows:

Council President Jef Freeman  
Councilman Perry Cook  
Councilman Brian Plant  
Councilman Zack Steele  
Councilman Alan Taylor

Absent: None

Others present in official capacity: Mayor Buddy Choat  
Attorney Rick Stotser

Council President Freeman introduced the minutes of the May 14, 2019 meeting for approval. Councilman Taylor moved they be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

The agenda and consent agenda were presented for approval. Councilman Taylor asked the item on the Girls' Softball Team be moved to the front of the agenda. Councilman Plant moved the agenda be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook and the vote was unanimous.

Ms. Tricia Kirk, Exceptional Foundation, stated they provide social and recreational activities for mentally disabled adults. She stated they have thirty-five to forty participants from Trussville. She stated there are now five installations in the southeast patterned after their program. She stated they are requesting the same level of support from the City as was given last year. She stated she would prepare a contract for services to send with this request for funding in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Council President Freeman stated we will take this under consideration at our next workshop.

Proclamation 2019-013 acknowledging the Hewitt Girls' Softball team as State Champions was presented. Councilman Taylor stated Coach Mauldin has taken the baseball team to the playoffs three out of the last four years. He recognized Athletic Director Lance Walker. He stated Coach Taylor Burt has brought home the first softball State Championship in school history.

Coach Burt thanked the community for their support, the parental support, the Athletic Director, and Mr. Bill Roberts and the school board. She stated the Middle School, Junior Varsity, and Varsity all have a tremendous chemistry that has allowed them to become successful.

Councilman Taylor moved Proclamation 2019-013 be approved, seconded by Councilman Steele, and the vote was unanimous.

The Consent Agenda was presented as follows:

Accounts Payable

Non-Departmental	2,683.94
Mayor and Council	648.41
Administration	3,814.59
Inspections	2,052.23
Municipal Court	792.78
Finance	12.84

Information Technology	29,583.82
Police Department	19,663.08
Fire Department	12,511.04
Public Works	23,023.35
Parks and Recreation	20,534.57
Library	7,108.78
Rental Property	141.81
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>122,571.24</b>
CORRECTIONS FUND	34,576.90
MUNICIPAL COURT FUND	49.50
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	
40,758.11	
<b>TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE</b>	<b>197,955.75</b>

AACOP Executive Training - Rush - Orange Beach - July 28- Aug 2 - \$250.00 , plus expenses  
 Managing Property & Evidence Room - Jackson - Altamonte, FL, Sept25-28 - \$495.00 plus lodging  
 Police Technology & Management - Cardwell - Jacksonville, FL - July 8-10 - \$395.00 plus lodging  
 Special Operations Supervisor - Robinson & Jones - Nashville, TN, July 22-26 - \$460.00 plus lodging  
 Merit increases effective June 8, 2019

- D. Scott Mann - Inspections - Grade 23, Step 6
- Clifford A. Moore - Fire - Grade 20, Step 9, plus 15%
- Terry Summerrow - Public Works - Grade 7, Step 7
- Randall W. Malchus, Jr. - Inspections - Grade 26, Step 5
- Hire Sean Bradford Roberson - Police Officer - Grade 17, Step 5
- Provisionally appoint Suzy Hammonds Rec Director - Grade 18, Step 8
- Approve installation of 28 Bronze LED lighting at Civic Center - \$710.18 per month
- Hire Cooper McCombs - Lifeguard - effective May 28, 2019, Grade 7, Step 1
- Hire Dix Hite Partners to design Braden's Plaza, construction documents, and construction oversight - \$27,000
- Authorize Mayor to hire Norman Pless to appraise 15 Main Street properties for ALDOT road widening project - \$15,750

Councilman Plant moved these items be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook, and the vote was unanimous.

A request to annex property at 7568 Arrowhead Lane was presented. Councilman Plant moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of an ordinance to annex this property, seconded by Councilman Cook, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Freeman, Cook, Plant, Steele, and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Plant then moved Ordinance 2019-024-ANX be approved, seconded by Councilman Cook, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Freeman, Cook, Plant, Steele, and Taylor

Nays: None

Councilman Taylor moved Resolution 2019-022 authoring closing portions of Valley Road and Linden Street during the work on the configuration of the Valley Road and Linden Street intersection. The portions of these roads will remain closed for forty-five days from June 4 through July 20. The vote was unanimous.

Councilman Steele moved Resolution 2019-023 authorizing the purchase of a tractor from AgPro in the amount of \$119,047.45, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and the vote was unanimous.

Council President Freeman announced that the first City Council meeting in June will be rescheduled until June 18 due to the lack of a quorum on June 11.

Councilman Cook stated he got an e-mail today with the names of the beautification award winners. He read the names and categories and congratulated them.

For Utilities, Councilman Cook reported they have received a letter from ADEM congratulating them on the operation of our water system.

Councilman Cook stated he also received an e-mail from a citizen thanking them for revoking the alcohol license at Courtyard Oyster Bar and Grill.

Councilman Freeman called upon J. R. Malchus to report on the Inspections Department. He stated they have issued 101 permits in the last two weeks, 13 of these for new homes. Design Review met and approved modifications to two homes in the Cahaba Project, and some signs.

Councilman Freeman thanked Bill Roberts for his time on the School Board.

Councilman Plant stated the Summer Reading Program is kicking off. There will be a kick off party with free food, live animals, and music on June 3. This has been a successful program for children for years. Library Director Emily Tish corrected that this program is for children, teens, and adults.

Councilman Plant recognized Historical Board chairman Jane Alexander. He thanked Bill Roberts for his service through tough times.

Councilman Steele recognized Mr. Gary Meadows, Senior Citizens' Committee Chairman. This group has a trip to New Orleans on Amtrak planned soon. The Senior Citizens' Center is coming up on its twentieth anniversary.

Councilman Steele called upon Public Works Director Wayne Sullivan who stated some dead trees in the Cahaba Project will be taken down near the former stadium and on Rockridge.

Councilman Steele stated ACTA is working on "Aladdin."

Councilman Taylor expressed his appreciation to Mr. Bill Roberts.

Mayor Choat stated next Tuesday, June 4, there will be a Freedom from Addiction Conference at the Civic Center to raise awareness of this problem. Dr. Tom Dooley will be the speaker.

Mr. Bill Roberts thanked the Council for the privilege of serving ten years on the School Board. He stated the system is strong and there is room to grow in every school with the recent additions. The school board has planned for the continued growth in Trussville and is staying ahead of the curve. The high school was designed in such a manner that another wing can be added. He stated our schools have had great success academically, and have great facilities, including upgraded soccer, baseball and softball facilities. The challenge is to keep it going.

No other business coming before the Council, a motion was made to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter  
City Clerk